## **TOWN OF HERNDON**

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## "YOUR TOWN - YOUR BUDGET"

Open House to Focus on the Town of Herndon's Service and Program Costs in Preparation for the FY 2011 Budget Process

Herndon, VA (January 4, 2010) – In preparation for the development the Town of Herndon's FY 2011 Budget, the town 's management team will host an open house for all citizens to learn more about the costs associated with town services and programs.

"Your Town – Your Budget" will be held on Thursday, January 14, 7-8:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Herndon Municipal Center, 777 Lynn Street in downtown Herndon. Light refreshments will be served.

Directors from the departments of Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Community Development, Finance, Police, Town Attorney, Town Clerk, Public Information, Human Resources, Information Technology and Golf will be on hand to discuss one-on-one with citizens the services provided by their respective departments and associated costs, to include personnel, operations and maintenance, and other relevant expenses.

Town Manager Art Anselene will present a proposed budget to Mayor DeBenedittis and the Herndon Town Council by April 1, 2010. The council must approve a balanced budget by June 30, 2010; the town's 2011 fiscal year begins July 1, 2010.

"The fiscal climate in which we are operating demands that all services and programs are carefully scrutinized to ensure they are, in fact, desired and needed by the town's citizens," said Anselene. "Our aim in hosting this open house is to further educate citizens about costs and to inspire greater citizen participation in the budget process."

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. *Business Week* Magazine has named Herndon one of the nation's "Best Affordable Suburbs," and *Money* Magazine has ranked Herndon among its "Best Places for the Rich and Single."

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